

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Bergeron *et al.*

Appl. No. *To Be Assigned*
(U.S. National Phase of PCT/CA00/01150)

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For: **Highly Conserved Genes and Their
Use to Generate Species-Specific,
Genus-Specific, Family-Specific,
Group-Specific and Universal
Nucleic Acid Probes and
Amplification Primers to Rapidly
Detect and Identify Algal, Archaeal,
Bacterial, Fungal and Parasitical
Microorganisms from Clinical
Specimens for Diagnosis**

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as provided herein. This Preliminary Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks. 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 and M.P.E.P. § 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."